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TAGS: PORG, UNGA, GW

SUBJECT:PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS WITH FRG

1. SUMMARY. IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES AND SEVERAL  
MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF REVIEWED MAJOR ISSUES FOR 32ND UNGA  
ON JUNE 20 WITH FRG IO DIRECTOR REDIES. MAJOR ISSUES  
DISCUSSED WERE SOUTHERN AFRICA, MIDDLE EAST, SPECIAL  
SESSION ON DISARMAMENT, THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, HUMAN  
RIGHTS, AND UN BUDGET. REDIES EXPRESSED SATISFACTION OVER  
PROGRESS ACHIEVED THUS FAR ON NAMIBIA BY WESTERN CONTACT  
GROUP AND COMMENTED THAT FRG DOES NOT ANTICIPATE MUCH OF  
SUBSTANCE WILL RESULT FROM RESUMED SESSION OF 31ST UNGA.

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END SUMMARY.

2. HIGHLIGHTS OF DISCUSSION FOLLOW:  
A. REDIES AGREED WITH OVERALL US ASSESSMENT THAT EXTENT  
OF CONTACT GROUP'S SUCCESS IN RESOLVING NAMIBIA INDEPENDENCE  
ISSUE WILL INFLUENCE TONE OF 32ND UNGA. HE URGED WESTERN  
STATES TO FOCUS PRIMARILY ON NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA. APAR-

THEID WILL BE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT AND CONTENTIOUS. HE  
SUGGESTED THAT CONTACT GROUP SHOULD ATTEND LAGOS APARTHEID  
CONFERENCE IN AUGUST TO MODERATE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS  
DEVELOPED ON APARTHEID.

B. MIDDLE EAST: IN RESPONSE TO IO REMARK THAT CONTINUED

MOMENTUM TOWARD MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT COULD ALSO  
LESSEN CONTENTIOUS ATMOSPHERE IN UNGA, REDIES URGED  
IMPRESSING ON THIRD WORLD THE IMPORTANCE OF MIDDLE EAST  
SETTLEMENT TO OVERALL WORLD PEACE. HE PERSONALLY SAW  
VALUE IN FORMING FACILITATIVE GROUP ON MIDDLE EAST SIMILAR  
TO NAMIBIAN CONTACT GROUP.

C. SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD): ACDA REPRE-  
SENTATIVE FLOWERREE POINTED OUT DESIRABILITY OF WESTERN  
CONSENSUS ON POSITIONS AND INITIATIVES AT THE SSOD. AS  
EXAMPLES HE CITED MORE FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE ON RELATIONSHIP  
BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, CONFIDENCE  
BUILDING MEASURES INCLUDING MORE OPEN REPORTING OF MILITARY  
BUDGETS, AND GREATER CONTROL OVER CONVENTIONAL ARMS SALES.  
REDIES HOPED THAT MOST DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC DISARMAMENT  
ISSUES AT 32ND UNGA COULD BE DEFERRED TO THE SSOD. REDIES  
ADVOCATED "SHAKING UP" TACIT SOVIET-THIRD WORLD DISARMAMENT  
ALLIANCE BY DEMONSTRATING THAT WEST IS SOURCE OF REAL, AS  
OPPOSED TO PROPAGANDA, ARMS CONTROL MEASURES.

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D. NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE: FROM RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH  
UNGА PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE AND OTHER PROMINENT G-77  
REPRESENTATIVES, REDIES CONCLUDED THAT NO COMMON POSITION  
EXISTS AMONG G-77 TOWARD RESUMED SESSION OF 31ST UNGA.  
G-77 SPLIT ON CIEC (ESPECIALLY OVER FAILURE TO STABILIZE  
OIL PRICES FOR POOREST COUNTRIES) AND LACK OF PREPARATION  
TIME FOR SESSION LED REDIES TO PREDICT RESUMED SESSION  
WILL BE PERFUNCTORY. HE SAID THAT FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY  
COULD SUPPORT BASIC HUMAN NEEDS OF POOREST PEOPLE APPROACH  
AS PRIORITY ITEM FOR NEXT DEVELOPMENT DECADE, ALTHOUGH  
FRG FINANCE MINISTRY MIGHT SEE THE MATTER DIFFERENTLY. IN  
GENERAL TERMS, REDIES RECOMMENDED THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES  
TAKE OFFENSIVE WHERE POSSIBLE WITH NEW PROPOSALS ON NORTH-  
SOUTH ISSUES.

E. HUMAN RIGHTS: IO REP OUTLINED US PLANS FOR PROPOSED  
UN SURVEY OF PRACTICES AND INCIDENTS OF TORTURE. REDIES  
CAUTIONED THAT, BASED ON FRG EXPERIENCE WITH HOSTAGE  
INITIATIVE IN 31ST UNGA, IT MAY BE TOO LATE FOR EFFECTIVE  
WESTERN ACTION ON TORTURE AT 32ND UNGA. MAYNES PROMISED  
CONTINUED STRONG US SUPPORT FOR FRG ON HOSTAGE ISSUE.

F. UN BUDGET: MAYNES OBSERVED THAT RAPIDLY RISING COSTS OF UN SYSTEM INCREASINGLY CONCERNED US BECAUSE LOSS OF CONFIDENCE IN ABILITY OF UN TO MANAGE FUNDS EFFECTIVELY AND TO CARRY OUT PROGRAMS EFFICIENTLY COULD ERODE BASE OF

POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR UN IN US. REDIES SUGGESTED APPROACH OF DETAILED TECHNICAL EXAMINATION OF BUDGETS TO DEMONSTRATE TO UN AGENCIES THE FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT CONCERNS OF MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS. CHRISTOPHER UNQUOTE VANCE

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